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(Case No. MBHB00-468)

In re Application of:

Anoop Tripathi

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Filed: October 10, 2000

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Fault Tolerance in a Network  
Telephony System

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- a) Information Disclosure Statement;
- b) Form PTO-1449;
- c) 1 Cited Reference; and
- d) Postcard.

2. With respect to fees:

- a) No fee is required.
- b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.

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Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following reference of record in the above-identified application. A copy of the reference is enclosed. The copy is also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the document be given careful consideration and it they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that it will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

Portions of the reference may be material to the examination of the pending claims, however no such admission is intended. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (h). The reference has not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the reference.

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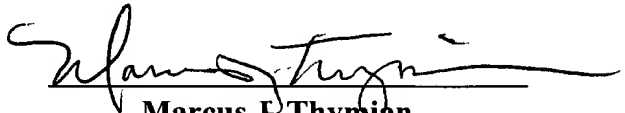
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